

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, following the heading "Related Applications," with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/946,079, filed September 4, 2001, and entitled "Composition and Method for Regulating the Adhesion of Cells and Biomolecules to Hydrophobic Surfaces now Patent No. 6,670,199, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/784,203, filed January 15, 1997, and entitled Composition and Method for Regulating the Adhesion of Cells and Biomolecules to Hydrophobic Surfaces, now United States Patent No. 6,284,503, which is a continuation-in-part of [copending] United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/399,913 filed [3/07/95] March 7, 1995, and entitled "Coating of Hydrophobic Surfaces to Render Them Protein Resistant While Permitting Covalent Bonding," now United States Patent No. 5,728,588, which is a divisional of United States Patent No. 5,516,703 issued [5/14/96] May 14, 1996 and entitled "Coating of Hydrophobic Surfaces To Render Them Protein Resistant While Permitting Covalent Attachment of Specific Ligands," which applications and patents are incorporated herein by reference.--